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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified patent application, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Replace the indicated claims with:

1. (Amended) Coated biologically active particles wherein uncoated particles containing a biologically active substance are surface-coated with a coating membrane and a concentration of volatile substances contained in the coated particles is 500 ppm or less with respect to the coated particles.

5. (Amended) Coated biologically active particles as in claim 1, wherein the coating membrane contains a resin.

6. (Amended) Coated biologically active particles as in claim 1, wherein the coating membrane contains a resin and a filler.